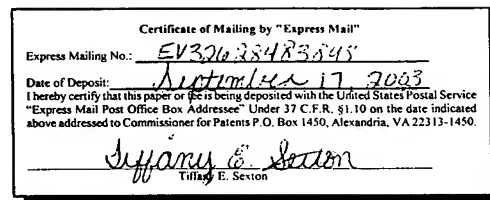


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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Applicant advises the Examiner of United States Patent No. 6,272,933 which stems from the same priority application (Serial No. 09/097,832, now United States Patent No. 6,349,722). A copy of United States Patent No. 6,272,933 is enclosed. The claims of the present invention differ from those in United States Patent No. 6,272,933 in that the connector which receives the sensor is positively claimed as opposed to the sensor per se.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the divisional patent application and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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